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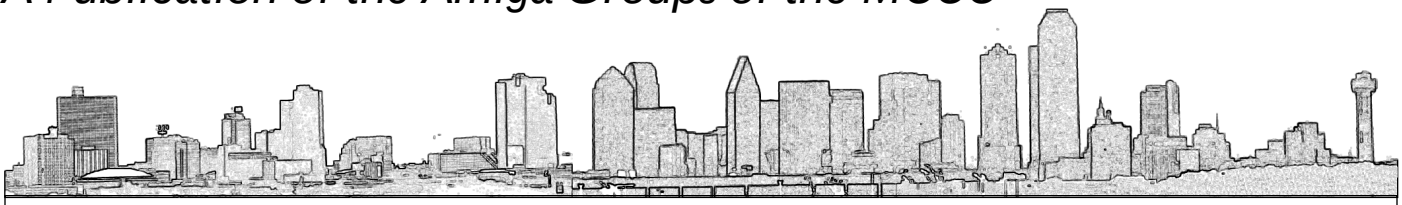

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Fleamarket Extravaganza The Report

One of the main goals of this year's Extravaganza was to bring user groups in the region together. We were successful! Members from the Central Texas Amiga Computing Society (CTAS), the Tulsa Amiga Group (TAG), and the X-otic Computer Systems of San Antonio (XCSSA) were present. Amiga enthusiasts from Houston, College Station and other Texas and Oklahoma locales were also in attendance.

There were many things to see and do at this year's show. While it was unfortunate that we were unable to hold any regular scheduled classes, we did have a presentation of ARexx. Donald Kassebaum from CTAS gave the demo on ARexx. Donald has done some programming on commercial software packages. In fact, someone pointed out a program in the flea market called Toaster Vision which was "written by...Donald Kassebaum...". I would like to thank Donald for giving his time to present a well received class on such short notice.

Some of our members brought their computers to display some of the newest Amiga hardware and software available. Johnny Kitchens showed off his A3000 powered by a 233 MHz Cyberstorm Power PC card and a Delfina sound card. He displayed some of the most current PPC software, including a beta version of Doom which had to be seen to be believed! Our future President, Wayne Brodnax, had his newly transplanted 1200 motherboard installed in a huge tower case. Wayne had the cavernous tower case opened up and was kind enough to explain his new set up to all interested. Our current President and Librarian, Ned Kelly, had his A4000 up and running answering questions on his Delfina Lite sound card and his CD-R drive and Master ISO software. David Owens had his A3000 up and running with some games and answering anyone's questions. I had my Warp 040/40 powered A3000 running Quake, Amiga Forever and several other programs for all to see.

This year we had two dealers at the show. On-Video was unable to attend the show, but they did have many items in the Flea Market. Once again Commodore Country attended the show, showing their strong continued support for the Amiga. Tsunami Graphics and the Tulsa Amiga Group shared a set of tables, while selling hardware and software. Both groups appeared to have a steady flow of customers.

Door prizes were graciously supplied by Commodore Country, club members and there was even a generous donation by a non-member. In fact there were so many door prizes that at the last drawing everyone went away with at least one door prize!

I would like to thank everyone else that helped at the Extravaganza, many whom helped in more than one area (if I miss any one I am sorry). Okley Moss and Bill Raecke ran the registration table and gave out those lucky winning tickets. Ned Kelly handled the club's Amiga software library. John Malmstrom helped throughout the day with everything. Alexander and Catherine Stodola, my children, sold drinks and snacks for the club. Most of all I would personally like to thank my wonderful wife Genie for putting up with me and helping out the entire day.

And finally, remember, the Extravaganza is YOUR show. I welcome your comments or suggestions. Please feel free to contact me about this year's or next year's show.

...Mark Stodola

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

I DRANK WHAT?!
. . . SOCRATES

1999 BOD Candidates

The following slate of club officers for 1999 was proposed to the membership at the October chapter meetings. The election will take place at the November chapter meetings. Also at the November meetings, a slate of chapter officers will be presented and additional nominations will be accepted. Chapter officers for 1999 will be elected in December.

President..... Wayne Brodnax
Vice President..... Mark Stodola
Treasurer..... Johnny C. Kitchens
Secretary..... Okley Moss
Librarian..... Ned Kelly
Education Chair..... David Owens

The Net Connection

Here's what's new to the AGM web site this month:

- *Fleamarket Extravaganza — Words and pictures (this may be delayed as I'm still waiting for pictures)*
- *Midwest Amiga Expo 98 — A report from the show by Wayne Hunt, Executive Director of the User Group Network*
- *Amiga OS 3.5 — More information on the new OS from amiga.com*
- *Fleecy Speaks — Amiga Inc.'s Fleecy Moss in another IRC conference*
- *REBOL — Information on the new messaging language*
- *Review of the Concierto Sound Module — by Patrick James (A UseNet review)*
- *Picks of the Month — My picks of the best new files of the month... with downloads*

...Bill Raecke

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November Calendar

Nov 3 — MCCC Board of Director's Meeting
7:30 pm — Okley Moss' Place
1040 Keith Drive, Hurst

Nov 10 — Amiga By-The-Loop Chapter
7:30 pm — Bell Helicopter Training Facility
Trinity at Norwood, Hurst

Nov 19 — Amiga North Dallas Chapter
7:30 pm — SMU Building
Collins Blvd. & International Pkwy, Richardson

Nov 28 — Newsletter Deadline — 7:00 am

Membership Watch

Expired October, 1998

Expiring November, 1998

John Cummings
Ranonda Poucher
Chris Scheers
Alan Kougl
Harv Randall
Jack Slay